

MEETING ON 14 NOVEMBER

Our next meeting will take place on Wednesday 14 November at the Royal Overseas League, Park Place, St James's Street, London SW1A 1LR. Tea/coffee and biscuits will be available from 5.30pm and at 6.00pm Dr John Anders will be speaking to us on 'The Demonic Machine'.

John is a retired engineer who studied humanities in later life, culminating in a PhD at the University of Kent entitled 'The Spirit of the Jest: Humour, Incongruity and Kipling's engagement with Modernity'. John will talk briefly about the overall project and then concentrate upon a short extract around Kipling's letter to James M. Conland of 1 June 1897 in which he describes a day's outing on a new type of naval ship – the Torpedo Boat.

We look forward to seeing as many as possible of you there.

This replaces the previously advertised talk by Dr Santanu Das, who is unfortunately no longer able to attend.

NEW MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

We are pleased to announce that Dr Fiona Renshaw will shortly be taking up the role of Membership Secretary. Her contact details will be circulated in the near future. In the interim, any membership queries or subscription payments should be addressed to the Chairman, Mike Kipling and NOT to John Lambert.

Mike's contact details are mike@kipling.me.uk; 07801 680516; Bay Tree House, Doomsday Garden, Horsham, West Sussex, RH13 6LB.

KIPLING STATUE IN BURWASH



A bronze statue of Rudyard Kipling, towards which we have made a contribution, is expected to be unveiled later this year in Burwash village. The date is likely to be 5th December and the organisers are hoping that prominent local resident Roger Daltrey (of 'The Who') will unveil the statue.

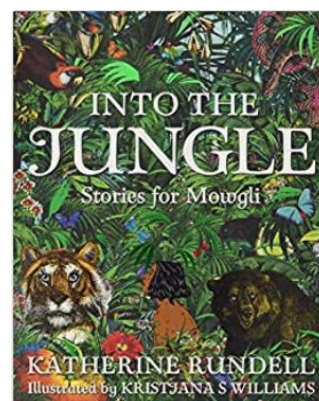
It would be great if Kipling Society members could attend the event, which coincides with the opening of

Bateman's for the Christmas season, decorated in appropriate festive style. A lunch and a guided tour of Bateman's could be arranged.

The date and full details will be confirmed as soon as possible, but in the meantime please could members who may wish to attend make a note of the date and send me an e-mail if you might be interested in lunch and/or a tour of Bateman's

'INTO THE JUNGLE'

Katherine Rundell has written a delightful and beautifully illustrated volume of short stories for children which tell of the lives of Rashka, Bahgheera, Baloo and others before the time of Mowgli. It is also highly recommended for Kipling lovers of all ages. Available at good bookshops and on-line stores.

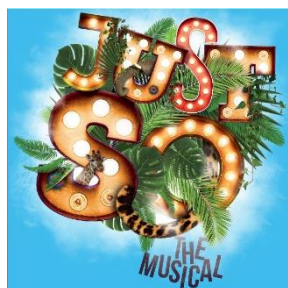


ANNUAL LUNCHEON 2019

The next annual luncheon will take place on 8th May 2019 at the Army and Navy Club in Pall Mall, a venue which looked after us well this year and at reasonable cost. The guest speaker will be Professor Daniel Karlin of Bristol University, who may well be going to speak to us about Kipling and Robert Browning.

Further details and an application form will be included in the December edition of *The Kipling Journal*.

JUST SO – THE MUSICAL



The Barn Theatre at Cirencester will be putting on a production based on the Just So Stories in December and January. The Society has helped with funding. Full details can be found at <https://barntheatre.org.uk/performances>.